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OF IR 1495139. IT IS PASSED BY WIRE IN VIEW ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN
POWERS INTERROGATION PRESENTLY UNDERWAY.

SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS A SECOND HAD DESCRIPTION OF FRANCIS
GARY POWERS LANDING BY PARACHUTE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

1. SOURCE VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF A
TRIP HE MADE TO THE SOVIET UNION IN JULY 1960:
2. SOURCE ATE LUNCH BETWEEN 18-24 JULY 1960 IN A SOVIET ARMENIAN OR
CAUCASIAN BASEMENT RESTAURANT IN MOSCOW. (THE EXACT DATE OR THE
LOCATION AND NAME OF THE RESTAURANT COULD NOT BE RECALLED BY SOURCE).
HE AND TWO OTHER FRENCHMEN SAT AT A TABLE FOR FOUR LEAVING ONE SEAT
VACANT. THE RESTAURANT WAS CROWDED AND A RUSSIAN ASKED IF HE COULD
SIT AT THE VACANT PLACE. THE NEWCOMER (AS JUDGED BY SOURCE) WAS AN
AVID IDEOLOGICAL COMMUNIST AND SAID THAT HE WAS AN AGRICULTURAL
TRACTOR SPECIALIST. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN POWERS LAND. THE TRACTOR
SPECIALIST SAID THAT HE WAS IN THE FIELDS OF A COLLECTIVE FARM WITH

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THE FARM WORKERS ONE DAY WHEN, WITHOUT WARNING, THEY LOOKED UP AND SAW A MAN DESCENDING IN A PARACHUTE. (SOURCE DEDUCED THAT SINCE THERE WAS NO WARNING THE SOVIETS HAD NOT HEARD ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE OR EXPLOSIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE ALERTED THE SOVIETS TO LOOK SKYARD). THE MAN LANDED NEAR THEM SO THAT THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST AND THE OTHER WORKERS RAN TO HELP HIM. WHEN THEY REACHED HIM HE WAS GROGGY; THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE OF ALTITUDE EFFECTS. HE ASKED FOR WATER WHICH THE RUSSIANS FINALLY GAVE HIM BUT BECAUSE POWERS DID NOT SPEAK RUSSIAN THEY HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING HIM. UP TO THIS TIME THE RUSSIANS HAD ASSUMED THAT POWERS WAS A RUSSIAN OR EASTERN COUNTRY CREW MEMBER. AT THIS POINT THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE REALLY VERY KIND AND HUMANE PEOPLE AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR TREATMENT OF A CAPITALIST ESPIONAGE AGENT. (SOURCE REMARKED THAT HE THOUGHT POWERS HAD NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE SINCE THE RUSSIANS GOT TO POWERS AS SOON AS HE LANDED AND HE WAS STILL GROGGY). THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST THEN SAID THAT POWERS WAS DRIVEN AWAY IN A CAR.

3. SOURCE ALSO SAW THE POWERS AIRPLANE ON EXHIBIT. THE WINGS WERE DETACHED FROM THE FUSELAGE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT APPEARED TO HAVE CONTACTED THE GROUND IN A HORIZONTAL ATTITUDE SUCH AS WOULD RESULT FROM SPIN. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF BULLET HOLES OR FRAGMENTATION DAMAGE. SOURCE DEDUCED THIS FACT FROM THE PATTERN OF

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THE RUPTURE IN THE METAL PIECES HE SAW. THE HORIZONTAL TAIL WAS MISSING COMPLETELY.

4. COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICERGC SOURCE VOLUNTEERED THIS INFO SINCE THE DISCUSSION OF THE POWERS FLIGHT IS UNDERWAY AT PRESENT IN THE US. SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT AT THE TIME HE WAS IN MOSCOW HE WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A FRENCH FIRM EXHIBITING IN MOSCOW AND THAT HE DID NOT FEEL DISPOSED TO QUESTION THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST. ALL OF THE INFORMATION WAS VMOLUNTEERED BY THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST AND WAS NOT A RESULT OF QUESTIONING BY SOURCE. SOURCE ASSUMED THAT THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST WAS IN MOSCOW TO TESTIFY AT THE POWERS PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION. SOURCE SPEAKS FLUENT RUSSIAN AND IS AN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER. X IN THIS CAPACITY HE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN EXAMINING CRASHED AIRCRAFT. SCP-3

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1. Why was the U-2 flight sent on 1 May?

This was the first day after the flight had been approved that the weather was satisfactory.

2. What was so important about the targets of the May 1 mission?

Would prefer not to answer this. To acquire positive intelligence information.

3. On the basis of information now available can it be concluded that the

Soviets have the capability of shooting down aircraft at an altitude of 68,000 feet - 70,000 feet?

Yes. They ^{have that} advocate capability.

4. Why are the pilots for this project paid \$2,500 per month?

Considering the perilous mission it is not thought to be excessive.

5. Why did CIA instruct the U-2 pilots to tell everything?

He was not instructed to tell everything; he was instructed to admit to his CIA affiliation and to his mission if information already available to the Soviets seemed to indicate that they were aware of it. This was to preclude ^{any} ~~no~~ misunderstanding that the flight was a hostile military action.

6. Did Powers withhold any information?

Yes. Mr. Powers withheld significant information. We are not able to release information he withheld as it is classified.

7. Why did CIA make available the poison needle?

The poison needle was offered as optional equipment to Mr. Powers.

He ~~was~~ also retained the option to use it or not to use it if faced with

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torture ~~beyond~~ which he could not bear.

8. Why didn't Powers kill himself?

He was never instructed to destroy himself in event of capture.

9. What criteria were used in selecting pilots for these assignments?

Criteria was: over 500 hours of being a jet pilot, loyalty, integrity, psychological and emotional stability, physical stamina, age 25 to 30, ~~and~~ intensive screening on all of these matters was performed prior to contracting Mr. Powers.

10. Was Powers trained in intelligence methods?

No. Mr. Powers received no intelligence training. He was employed because of his ~~screening~~ ^{skill} as a pilot.

11. Why did the Government want Powers returned to the U. S. ?

We want all citizens returned to the United States who are held captive in foreign countries. His responses to interrogation was necessary to confirm U. S. intelligence estimates of Soviet defense capabilities.

12. Didn't the Government give up a mechanic for an artist? No.

Mr. Powers has been able to supply current information; Mr. Abel ~~has~~ supplied none.

*APPLES & ORANGES - Comparisons are odious.
No basis for comparison.*

13. Was the Government aware that the 1 May flight would disrupt the Summit Conference?

We are not convinced that the May 1 flight was ~~a~~ ^{the} genuine reason for disruption of the conference.

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14. What value did the Government get out of these flights?

Unique information was acquired from these flights which could not be gained by any other means.

15. On what basis were pilots for this project picked?

The criteria for selections of pilots was covered earlier.

16. Was Powers brainwashed?

Extensive psychological examinations show that Mr. Powers was not subjected to brainwashing.

17. How was the military connected with this project?

This project was a project of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Department of Defense provided logistic support.

18. Did Powers cooperate with the Soviets?

Mr. Powers followed the terms of his briefing and cooperated with his captors to the extent he deemed necessary.

19. Give an evaluation of Powers' performance during his four years' association with the Agency?

Mr. Powers was considered one of the most capable pilots. His prior services were excellent.

20. Could not military pilots be used for this type of project?

Military pilots could not be used as it could be interpreted as an act of aggression.

21. Why did the Government acknowledge Powers?

Since Mr. Powers had been advised that he might acknowledge his employment by CIA it seems logical that the Government would

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This was a decision made by the president of the United States after having obtained the best counsel available.

22. Was this a CIA project? If so, was there any coordination done to put the project into motion?

This was a CIA project and was coordinated with responsible levels of Government.

23. What did Powers tell the Soviets?

In accordance with his instructions
Mr. Powers answered many questions honestly which ~~was~~ ^{were} released by the Soviets in the book Trial of the U-2. Mr. Powers gave no significant information over and above what ~~has~~ was brought out at the trial.

24. At what altitude was Powers shot down?

For public consumption - 68,000 feet. From the classified standpoint, it is 70,000 feet.

25. Was he shot down by a Soviet rocket?

Conclusive evidence on this is lacking, however, we are led to believe that ~~it was near~~ *his aircraft was disabled by the explosion of a Soviet missile exploding near by.*

26. Did we know that the Soviets had the surface to air missile site at Sverdlovsk?

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Yes. The U. S. believed that there were Soviet ~~missile~~ sites.

27. Why didn't Powers go down with his plane?

Mr. Powers remained with his plane until approximate the 15,000 foot level. During this time he was engaged in attempts to free

himself and to activate the destruct switches.

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28. It was reported that radar tracked the U-2 at a much lower altitude for considerable distance and in a different direction. How does this fit in with your conclusions?

We are unable to confirm the radar track reported at the time of the incident. All available information was considered and the evidence overwhelming established that Mr. Powers' aircraft was disabled at 70,000 feet and there was an immediate descent.

29. Did Powers defect?

An exhaustive examination reveals that Mr. Powers did not defect.

30. What proof do we have that Powers did not defect?

Circumstances by which Mr. Powers fell into Russian hands are not suggestive of defection. Analysis of his behavior also denies the possibility of defection. *There is no affirmative evidence that he did defect.*

31. What other proof do you have other than Powers' own statements that he acted as a loyal American?

The nature of the information which Powers withheld would certainly have been exploited by the Soviets. Our intelligence indicates no such exploitation. *He followed his instructions.*

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32. How can you be sure that Powers has told you the truth?

I refer you to the previous question. Mr. Powers has been interrogated by experts and took the lie detector test with favorable results.

33. Was Powers tortured?

No.

Was Powers mistreated?

No.

Was he threatened with death or physical harm?

He was threatened with death as a result of a possible penalty for the crime charged by the Soviets. Physical Harm? No.

34. Is there any possibility that Powers' plane was sabotaged?

No, this matter has been thoroughly investigated.

35. What is your analysis of the orange glow that Powers described?

This matter is still under study.

36. Why have you detained Powers in custody for so long?

He came with U. S. authorities willingly and he has been most cooperative. The nature of the matter required an intensive debriefing. *He is still under contract.*

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37. What help did the U. S. give the Powers family after he was shot down?

Powers' wife, under the Missing Persons Act, received an allotment from his pay. The U. S. Government has ascertained the well-being of the family at all times.

38. Did Powers have access to counsel before his trial?

He did not have access to American counsel, however, he had a court-appointed Soviet attorney.

39. Did the Agency make any move to get Powers back prior to his release?

7 The Agency has been working for 18 months to secure the release of Powers.

How far can we take of this?

40. What connection did the Agency have with Donovan's efforts?

The Agency was in communication with Mr. Donovan at all times and rendered necessary guidance, official sanction, and support to his efforts.

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41. Did CIA support Donovan in his efforts?

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42. Is CIA paying Powers at this time?

No settlement has been made with Mr. Powers at this time.

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43. Did CIA pay an allowance to Mrs. Powers? How much?

Yes, Mrs. Powers received a monthly allowance of \$500.00.

44. What is the relationship between Powers' Air Force service and his being under contract with CIA?

Mr. Powers resigned his Air Force Reserve Commission to accept employment with this Agency with the understanding that if his service was satisfactory, it would not preclude his reinlistment in the United States Air Force.

45. Was he under contract to Lockheed?

No.

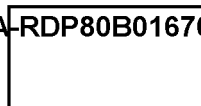
46. What kind of plane is the U-2?

The U-2 is a high-altitude reconnaissance plane, built on the principle of a glider with a jet engine.

47. Have you examined pictures or the actual wreckage of the U-2?

All available pictures of the wreckage of the U-2 have been exhaustively examined but we have not had access to the wreckage itself.

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48. What conclusions have you reached on the basis of this examination?

That it was the wreckage of the U-2.

49. Does an examination show that there was a crash of the U-2?

Yes, it does.

50. Is there any evidence from the examination of the wreckage that the U-2 was hit by a missile or gunfire? *yes, SAM & HE, AAA damage.*

It is believed that an explosion to the right and to the rear of the aircraft disabled it.

51. What are the performance characteristics of the U-2? Altitude? Speed? Range?

The U-2 is a high-altitude reconnaissance plane with a speed of approximately 400 knots, a range of approximately 3,800 miles, and an altitude of approximately 70,000 feet.

52. Isn't it wrong for the U. S. to carry out this type of mission?

It is imperative that the United States gather all information available on its possible foes.

53. From the legal concept was Powers a spy?

No. Mr. Powers was the pilot of a reconnaissance plane. He is not legally a spy under the legal concept.

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54. Why are you agreeable to making Powers available to congressional committees and the press?

I feel that there is a dual obligation both to the American public and to Mr. Powers himself on this case which has attained such international significance to fully air the facts of the matter within the confines of good security.

55. Doesn't this set a bad precedent for other agents of CIA who may be caught by the enemy?

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56. What about Powers' back pay?

^{It} ^{been} ^{conduct}
The Board, having determined that Mr. Powers was consistent with the terms of his contract, ^{he will be paid accordingly.} the terms of the contract will be paid.

57. Are you using the U-2 today over Russia or other areas?

No, however, should the international conditions warrant the use of the U-2 on reconnaissance missions, the matter would be properly considered by appropriate Government officials.

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58. Do you have any means to substitute for the U-2?

(See John Warner) (For Foreign Affairs and Foreign Relations Committee - no, at the present time.)

59. Did Powers ever fly over any other country?

Mr. Powers has flown other reconnaissance flights. Obviously,
I would rather not go into detail on that one.

60. What other flights did Powers make?

7 11
0 Mr. Powers has made peripheral flights along the Soviet border,
he has made an overflight over China (Mongolian Republic), and
he has made an overflight from the Caspian Sea to the Black Sea.



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61. Where are U-2 pilots trained?

U-2 pilots had been trained [redacted]
facilities. There are none being trained at present.

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62. How much experience or how many hours did Powers have in the U-2?

546 hours, 118 sorties, 26 missions.

63. Did he make any other flights over the USSR?

One - the Black Sea and Caspian Sea (sensitive).

64. What is the extent of CIA's program using the U-2?

The Agency's use of the U-2 has been extensive, it has proved one of the most valuable intelligence acquisition systems of all times.

65. Who are the members of the Board of Inquiry?

E. Barrett Prettyman and two outstanding citizens

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and 27 applicants

Judge E. Barrett Prettyman, Gen. Harold Bull, and John Bross, a senior Agency official.

66. Did they have available to them all information that is available to you as Director of Central Intelligence?

Yes.

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67. Was there any information available to the Board which suggested that Powers did not tell the truth?

The Board considered all sources of evidence and evaluated it.

After evaluation, the Board concluded that Powers told the truth.

68. Why, if you have kept so much of this information secret from congressional committees, has it gotten into the press?

No official information was given to the press on this matter by CIA.

69. Did the Air Force participate in the Board of Inquiry proceedings?

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The Air Force had an observer and furnished technical experts.

70. Isn't your report a white wash?

The report is a finding of fact.

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71. How much insurance was there on Powers' life and what benefits would his widow have gotten if he had been killed?

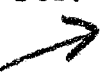
72. Was the salary you paid Powers worth the return that you received?

We believe that the unique product from this operation was worth all it cost.

73. Where did Powers allegedly land?

Approx 15-20 East ~~South~~
Twenty-five - thirty miles South East of Sverdlovsk.

74. Were other countries involved in these flights?

Yes.  Military Affairs - Active participation by an allied nation; cooperation was extended by several other nations in the form of landing and base privileges.

Foreign Committee - Several countries extended cooperation in the form of base rights and landing privileges.

75. What were the security precautions taken at the takeoff point?

The personnel were restricted to the hangar except the commanding officer. *24 hour - very strict.*

76. Did CIA carefully consider the possibility that Powers defected?

Yes. This subject has been exhaustively examined and there is no evidence of defection.

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77. What kind of person is Powers? Is he honest? Religious? Patriotic?

"I have read only the transcripts, however, from the transcripts the man is telling a true story. There is nothing in the transcripts themselves that would give a clear picture of his honesty, integrity, etc.; however, there is nothing that would cause us to doubt his honesty, integrity, etc."

We know that he is a church goer and ^{closely} acquainted with the ^{MINISTER} ~~reverend~~ that brought him into the church. Seemed perfectly honest, sincere,

willing to cooperate to the fullest possible extent. There is not the

slightest variation in a very complex story *altho repeated very many times & under extremely close observation it has been technically checked (poly).*

78. Did he take this job for pay?

We believe he took the job because he could earn in two years what he would earn in five to ten years in the Air Force. He also thought that his Air Force career would be benefited by this assignment; he believed this work would be interesting and a special significance for his country and finally we believe he was motivated toward excitement and adventure.

79. Why did Powers express regret that he had participated in this flight?

We believe that Powers was utilizing a trial tactic suggested by his counsel. **(GRINEV)**

80. Why didn't he say at his trial that he was not guilty?

He was undoubtedly following the advice of counsel and certainly under the circumstances which he was captured, it was evident.

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81. Did you take into consideration Powers' admissions at his trial which were then broadcast to the whole world?

These admissions were in keeping with the instructions given Mr. Powers should he find himself a prisoner and were necessary in order that the incident not be construed as being of a military nature.

82. How much classified information did Powers have?

All members of the detachment were given only that information necessary for them to perform their tasks.

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83. Did the Agency take any precautions to prevent Powers from gaining access to classified information?

Mr. Powers was in a ^{highly} compartmented organization ~~at~~ and had only that classified information which was essential to his performance as a pilot.

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84. If the U-2 flights were so important why were they suspended after May !?

Decision of the President of the United States.

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85. Was each U-2 flight approved by the President?

The President approved the plan for a series of flights to be flown in a given time period.

There were three flights ^{in 3} approved by the President. One was flown on 9 April, the other one on 1 May which was also the time limitation for all 3 flights, so the 3rd flight could not be flown.

86. Will you give a full explanation of the take from this program?

Intelligence taken cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It is of inestimable value. It is probably the most ~~xxx~~ outstanding feat of the entire history of espionage.

It is certainly one of the most rewarding efforts in the history of espionage

The information taken from the pictures resulting from these flights was correlated with other intelligence information and used to estimate Russian capability. This was a ~~major~~ contribution for the formulation of the National Estimate.

The Committee was briefed previously on the take from these flights.

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87. Was Powers instructed or advised that the President would acknowledge Government sponsorship of the U-2 flights?

In line with the idea that the pilots be insulated from most of the intelligence aspects of this program, as much information as possible was kept from them. They were told, however, to say if captured, that they were contract employees of the Central Intelligence Agency which, in fact, they were. Consequently, they had little or no knowledge of the Government effort in this whole field.

The pilots, of course, knew of the Agency sponsorship of this program and participated in Agency programs of training and they knew of the Agency's support of the entire program.

88. What were the details of Powers' contract?

\$2,500~~X~~ per month - \$1,000 of which to be retained until successful completion of his contract.

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89. What was Powers' flight course?

Peshawar - Sverdlovsk - Murmansk []

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90. Precisely at what point was he downed?

It home?

15 to 20 miles east southeast of Sverdlovsk at 0553 Greenwich mean time.

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91. How fast was Powers flying: Approximately 400 knots "
92. Was the U-2 rigged by CIA to kill the pilot in case of trouble? Definitely not. Definitely not.
93. Could Powers have done anything at all to destroy the sound tapes and photo' pilm? *Other*
The explosive charge situated in the aircraft was such that primary damage would be done to the camera bay. *Sound* equipment was located elsewhere and would possibly not be damaged by the explosive charge. "
The most important use of the destruct system would have been in the case of after a forced landing in hostile territory. Even so, it appears that he made every effort while the plane was in an inverted spin to activate the destruction switches.
94. Did he, once safely on the ground, have a second opportunity to take his own life and then waver at the critical moment? *we form*
No, Mr. Powers was searched and the lethal removed from his possession. (Of course, you realize that these pilots were trained and instructed to survive and escape if possible, and they were never instructed to destroy themselves. "

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94. Did Powers defy an understanding of his contract with CIA with respect to taking his life?	Powers had no obligations to CIA to take his life.	"
95. Why did the Soviets let him off so easily?	The crime for which he was convicted could have resulted in the death penalty. The Soviets presumably thought that they had extracted all the information that Mr. Powers would divulge. Powers' situation was a unique one; the world had their eyes on Mr. Powers. Any mal-treatment of Powers would have definitely come out to their detriment.	"
96. What sort of information did the Soviets want from Powers?	The usual type of information: Agency installation; personnel; aircraft performance; equipment performance; camera performance; flight characteristics; target data	"
97. Were there any fighters that attempted to intercept Powers on this mission?	Mr. Powers during his debriefing advised that he saw the contrails of at least two aircraft shortly after crossing the border. Mr. Powers stated that at no other time did he see any contrails. Indications are that they were far below him.	"

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98. Did Powers know the risks involved in this flight?

Yes.

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99. Was Powers functioning above and beyond the call of duty?

He accepted a mission he knew to be hazardous and which he knew was important to the security of this country. There were others who refused to take this on the same terms.

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Did he receive a \$10,000 bonus for each flight?

No.

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100. Can Powers be tried by the U. S. if it is found that he gave secrets away?

Powers divulged no classified information because of his instructions in event of capture.

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101. Was Powers fired upon prior to his downing at Sverdlovsk?

Mr. Powers at his debriefing advised that he did not observe any firings prior to his downing.

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fanned*

102. What countermeasures to Powers' flight did the Soviets use prior to the downing?

Mr. Powers, during his debriefing advised that he saw two condensation trails during his flight which he assumed to be fighters and did not see any other activity until the orange explosion.

We believe that the Soviets put fighters into the air and banded all civil aircraft along the projected route and activated anti-aircraft artillery.

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103. What was the black cloth which Powers carried to be used for?

As a protective covering of certain instruments after landing in friendly territory.

To cover the camera ports if he landed ~~in~~ at any other base than ~~xxx~~ the scheduled base.

104. Could Powers have turned back at any time on this flight?

Mr. Powers was instructed, in the event of any equipment failure or trouble, to return to his Base if it occurred prior to the midway point of his mission. In fact, Powers did have a malfunction of his autopilot equipment which would have justified him in returning to his Base. However, Powers elected to continue on his hazardous mission under manual control in behalf of the national security of the United States

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Powers' last abort point was some ~~way~~ where 100 miles northwest of Sverklovsk.

105. Did the Norwegians know that Powers would land there had he accomplished his mission?

Landing privileges had been sought and obtained for a U-2 aircraft. However, the Norwegians did not know it was an overflight.

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106. Did the Pakistanis know that the U-2 mission was to fly over the USSR: Landing and take-off privileges has been sought and obtained for a U-2 aircraft. However, the Pakistanis did not know it was an overflight.
(Clear with State)

107. Why did Powers have a NASA identification ~~xxxx~~ card on his person at the time he came into Soviet hands? A NASA identification card was necessary equipment in order to fly other type of aircraft. Mr. Powers was not aware this card was in his wallet in the trousers of his civilian suit which had been placed aboard the aircraft by a member of the ground crew.

might cause trouble →

Location of card was consistent with his cover story of being a lost upper air weather recon pilot.

108. What was the connection with NASA with these flights? The U-2 flew some weather reconnaissance missions for NASA
(Check with NASA)

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NASA was a cover mechanism for the flights.

109. Did any of the Agency U-2 flights obtain ~~any~~ any weather information for NASA? In addition to its primary purpose, U-2s were used extensively for weather reconnaissance and upper air research. The results of these type flights has been a major contribution in meteorological research.

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110. Explain what training is necessary for the pilot to fly a U-2 airplane on this type of mission.

First, ~~x~~ the pilot must be trained in ~~TRANSITION~~.

This means he must become proficient in taking off and landing the aircraft safely.

Second, he must be trained in his environmental equipment.

By this I mean his pressure suit and his related oxygen and survival equipment.

Third, he must complete a number of long-range training missions to simulate the type of missions that he would encounter in an operational environment.

~~Fourth~~ Fourth, it is only after the pilot has clearly demonstrated his proficiency on these realist simulated missions that he is certified competent.

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Mr. Powers had over 500 hours in a single engine jet aircraft, 546 hours in the U-2, 118 sorties, and 26 missions.

111. How many U-2 missions were there over the Soviet Union?

On this particular point, gentlemen, I would like to request the indulgence of the Committee. I am extremely sensitive from the standpoint that the Soviets, to this day, have been unable to ascertain the scope and overall success of the U-2 program. Any inadvertent disclosure of this information could seriously affect national security. I, therefore, earnestly request that you not press for specific details on this subject.

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112. Can a U-2 pilot's difficulty be compared with that of an astronaut?

*U2 pilot flies his air craft
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Yes, ~~there~~ and in some cases, ~~OF OPERATION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND~~ more difficult because of this close confinement. It is a highly demanding job which required skills and training, although perhaps not ~~the~~ to the same degree as an astronaut.

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113. What are the conditions at 68,000 feet? Oxygen? Temperature?

From the human survival standpoint, ~~there is a~~ vacuum. The pressure there is approximately one pound per square inch whereas pressure at sea level is approximately 15 pounds per square inch. Therefore, the pressure at that point is approximately 1/15th of sea level. Temperature would be approximately 70° below zero Fahrenheit.

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114. For the large salary you were paying Powers and other U-2 pilots why didn't you instruct them to destroy themselves and the airplane in the event of impending capture?

Since it would seem to permit the Soviets to claim it was a hostile military act without effective rebuttal.

115. What could the pilot see at 68,000 feet?

With good visibility conditions, a pilot could distinguish the larger identifiable features such as towns, large rivers, forests, air fields, and roads. Under these same conditions, a pilot could see the horizon for a distance of approximately 35 miles.

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116. Could the plane go any higher?

No, the aircraft was at operational altitude. The overall aircraft limitation is 68,000.

The maximun altitude is [] However the equipment load on this one mission was such that the operations altitude was 70,000 feet

117. What do you mean, that the plane fell apart?

The wings separated from the fuselage; the tail separated; the engine ~~separated~~ came out. Thus, the aircraft descended in a number of different pieces. We don't mean that it disintegrated in the air.

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118. Isn't it morally wrong for the U.S. to offer and in effect encourage a man to take his life?

Yes.

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119. How much does a U-2 cost?

120. What was the total cost of the U-2 program?

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| 121. Who was the contractor who built the airplane? | Lockheed Aircraft Corp. | " |
| 122. Why was James Donovan conducting negotiations for the Powerx/Abel exchange? | <u>Because he was the attorney of Abel and had been approached by his purported wife to enter enter into these negotiations. It was a non-diplomatic type negotiation.</u> | " |
| 123. Did Donovan do a good job? | Extremely fine and "able" job. | " |
| 124. Was Pryor connected with intelligence?
<i>He wasn't</i> | Pryor had absolutely no connections whatsoever with the Central Intelligence Agency. He had offered his services and they had been refused. | " |
| 125. Did Powers have legal counsel before the Board of Inquiry? | Powers needed no legal counsel before the Board of Inquiry. The Board of Inquiry was not a court of law. | |

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Please explain the bullet holes in the wings of the U-2 as shown in the pictures.

We could not come forward with any theories of why they were there.

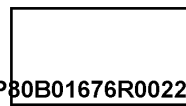
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I understand from several sources including a Col. Rand that examination of the ~~xxx~~ wreckage in Moscow would indicate that holes in the turbine blades indicate damage occurred while the engine was stopped. Can this be explained now?

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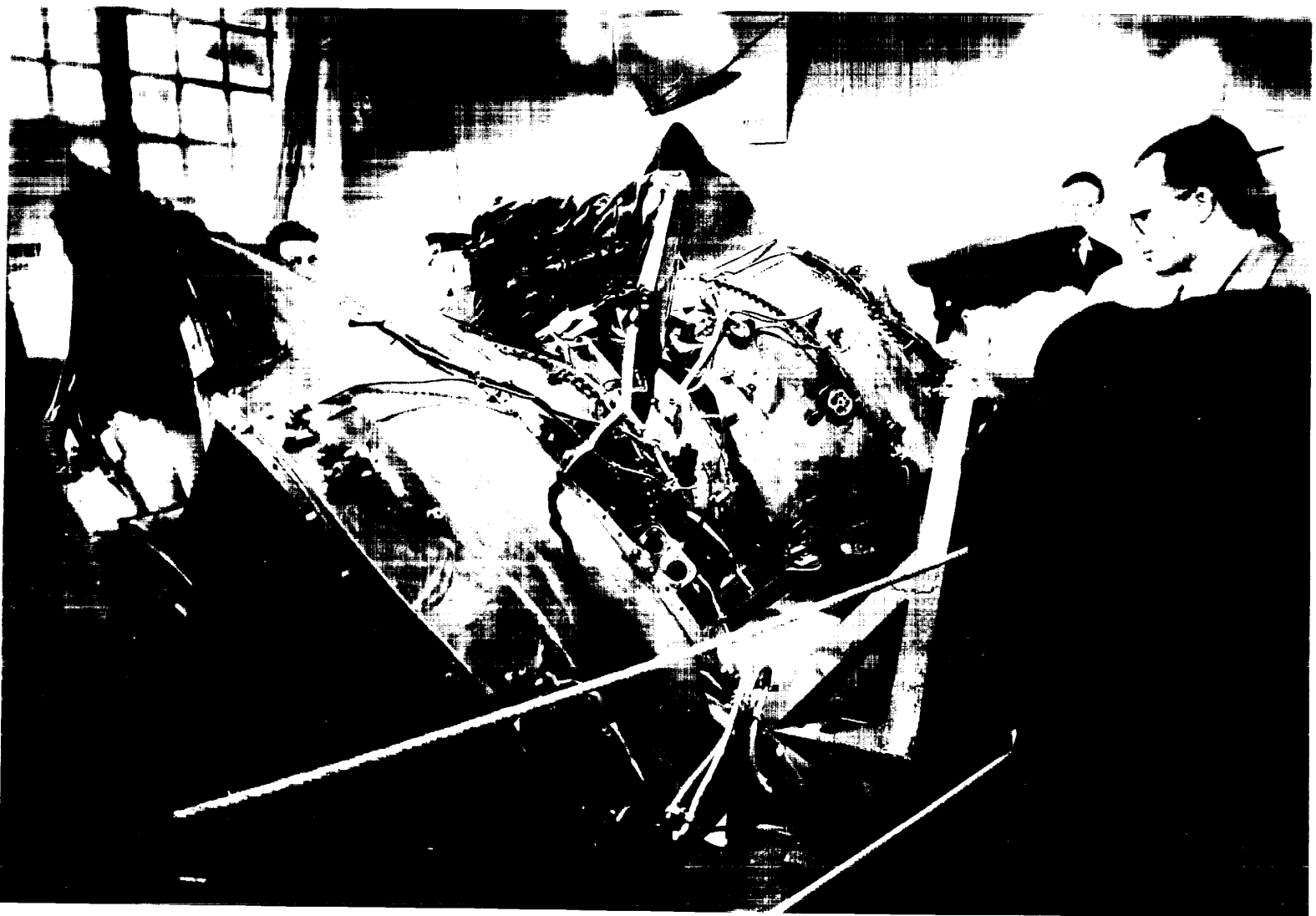
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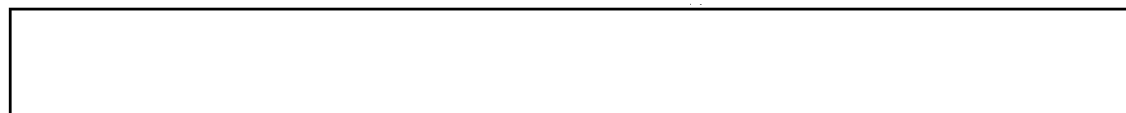
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